



# CITY OF PITTSBURGH

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By Email

**RE: RTK No. 88-04-2018**

Dear Ms. Long:

On November 13, 2018, the City of Pittsburgh Open Records Office received your written request for records pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law (RTKL), 65 P.S. §67.101 *et seq.* Your specific request is as follows:

*Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right to Know Act, I hereby request the following records:*

1. *All records pertaining to bid RFP17000521*
2. *Email communications referencing RFP17000521 (01/01/2017 - 11/12/2018)*
3. *All bids & proposals related to RFP17000521 (01/01/2017 - 11/12/2018)*
4. *Any agreements or contracts related RFP17000521 (01/01/2017 - 11/12/2018)*

Upon investigation, I have determined that this contract has not been finally executed and your request is denied. Records associated with open procurements are exempt from public release. Additionally, evaluations of bidders are always exempt under RTKL. See 65 P.S. §67.708(b)(26). To the extent anything requested does not exist, the RTKL instructs that the City is not required to create records which do not currently exist. See 65 P.S. §67.705. Additionally, nothing in the RTKL shall be construed to modify, rescind or supersede any of the City's record retention policies. See 65 P.S. §67.507.

If you feel that any aspect of this response to your request is in error, you may take an appeal by writing to Erik Arneson, Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120. If you wish to take an appeal, you must do so within fifteen (15) business days of the date of this letter. See 65 P.S. §67.1101.

Sincerely,

Celia B. Liss  
Open Records Officer